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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING A
COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A
PLURALITY OF PARTITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent applications as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.